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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN FONMIN MOCHTAR COMMENTS ON PRC

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1. DURING AMBASSADOR MASTER'S SEPT 6-8 TRIP TO EAST TIMOR
WITH A GROUP OF AMBASSADORS AND INDONESIAN FONMIN MOCHTAR
KUSUMAATMADJA, MOCHTAR PROVIDED IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION
WITH THE AMBASSADOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PRESENT
STATE OF INDONESIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PRC.

2. AS INDICATED IN REFTELS, THAI PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK
DURING HIS APRIL 1978 VISIT TO THE PRC DID TOUCH ON THE ISSUE
OF PRC WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA AND
SINGAPORE. MOCHTAR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD ASKED
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KRIANGSAK TO CHECK ON TWO SPECIFIC POINTS DURING HIS PRC
VISIT: 1) WHAT WAS THE PRC'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS INDONSIA
REGARDING THE TWO LEVEL RELATIONSHIP IT NORMALLY ESTABLISHED
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIA, ONE AT THE STATE
LEVEL AND ONE AT THE COMMUNIST PARTY LEVEL AND 2) WHAT WAS
THE PRC'S CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE OVERSEAS CHINESE.

3. ACCORDING TO MOCHTAR, THE PRC TOLD KRIANGSAK IN REGARD TO THE FIRST POINT THAT IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, THE PRC COULD NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO END CONTACT WITH THE HOST COUNTRY COMMUNIST PARTY FOR TO DO SO WOULD BE TO GIVE THE SOVIETS AN ADVANTAGE. THE PRC ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT CONSIDERED THE HOST COUNTRY FREE TO TAKE ITS OWN ACTION TOWARD THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE PRC WOULD NOT INTERFERE.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE SECOND POINT, MOCHTAR REPORTED THAT THE PRC REPLY WAS THAT, FIRST, ALL CHINESE SHOULD BE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY RESIDE; SECOND, IF THESE CHINESE CANNOT BECOME CITIZENS, THEN THEY SHOULD BE LAW ABIDING INHABITANTS OF THAT COUNTRY; AND THREE, THE PRC, NONETHELESS, EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THESE OVERSEAS CHINESE.

5. MOCHTAR COMMENTED THAT IT WAS THE LAST POINT ABOUT THE PRC'S MAINTAINING CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE OVERSEAS CHINESE THAT WAS DISTURBING TO THE GOI, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN VIETNAM. THIS, HE ADDED, HAD SERVED TO SLOW DOWN EVEN FURTHER ANY GOI MOVEMENT TOWARD RE-ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.
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